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Place	Date	Hour	1 Regina Rif Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
HILTINGBURY CAMP	May 1		Last serials move out on Exercise Fabius. Last serial leaves at 1000 hrs. See appendix.	JLB Appendix #6
	2		Bn on Exercise Fabius.	JLB
	3.		Bn on Exercise Fabius.	JLB
	4.		Bn on Exercise Fabius. D Day.	JLB
	5.		Bn on Exercise Fabius.	JLB
	6.	2230	Bn on Exercise Fabius. Cease Fire 2230 hrs. 0 gps at 2000 hrs & 2100 hrs.	JLB
	7.	1105 1500	Bn returns to Hiltingbury Camp C7 by TCV leaving at 1105 hrs by Blue Route #1 via PETWORTH, MIDHURST, PETERSFIELD, X RDS 087459 arriving in HILTINGBURY CAMP at 1500 hrs. Hot meal on arrival. Remainder of the day is spent in settling in quarters.	JLB
	8.	1000 1800 1800	CO holds an C Gp beginning at 1000 hrs and lasting until 1700 hrs. Loading of vehicles, equipment carried on the men, assault equipment and other adm matters were discussed at length. Khaki berets were issued to all ranks. Mirrors were in great demand. Bn had received 10 James MCs. Offrs have been practising in their spare moments. Major A. S. Gregory, 2IC attended a conference at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde during afternoon. 160 personnel left at 1800 hrs for range practice on 9 May at Ash Ranges. CO, 2IC, Adjt and Coy Comds paid a visit to Bde Offrs Mess at 1800 hrs.	JLB
	9	0930 1700	Weather bright and warm, cold at nights. CO held conference at 0930 hrs. Trg Trg as per syllabus. See appendix. Coys try out new method of wearing equipment on a 16 mile route march and report satisfaction. Approximately 160 personnel fired Rifle practice on Ash Range.	JLB Appendix #3

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HOLTINGBURY CAMP	MAY 10	0930	CO held a conference at 0930 hrs to discuss assault equipment.	JLB
		1630	CO held orders at 1630 hrs. Approximately 150 personnel fired Bren practice at A SH RANGES.	
	11	0900	Lt-Col F H Matheson, ED, Commanding Officer, held a conference at 09000 hrs. Trg as per syllabus. See Appendix.	JLB Appendix #3
	12		Weather--clear and hot Clothing parades being held during day. Regina Rif flashes are being put on Battle Dress and on steel helmets. 15 Offrs and 15 ORs attend a demonstration of German Weapons. Trg as per syllabus.	JLB Appendix #3
	13	1000 1345	CO held conference at 1000 hrs. Bn paraded at 1345 hrs at 886432 for Bde inspection by General Dwight Eisenhower, Invasion C in C. The General walked through the ranks and spoke to several men. After the inspection the parade was ordered to break ranks and gather around a Jeep from which General Eisenhower addressed the Bde Gp, expressing confidence in the fighting qualities of the Bde and in the final outcome of the invasion.	JLB Appendix #7
	14	0950	Bn attended a Bde church parade at 0950 hrs. Parades held as per Pt 1 Orders	Appendix #1 JLB

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HILTIWOSURY CAMP CT	May 14		Alert sounded during night, Heavy AA fire, no bombs were dropped near this area.	JLB
	May 15	1500	LT. Col. F M Matheson ED attended a conference at Hq 3 Cdn Inf Div during morning. Drivers, NCOs and Offrs riding in vehs, and four offrs per coy attended a demonstration of Beach Markings by BAP ⁴ at 1500 hrs at 12 878428 sheet 132. See appendix Another alert during night. No bombs dripped in area.	JLB Appendix #8
	16	0900	1 and 3 coy proceed by train from CHANDLERS FORD TO ASH RAYNE for firing practices. Weather--cloudy with showers. CO hold conference at 0900 hrs. Trg as per syllabus.	JLB Appendix #3
	17		Trg as per syllabus. Bn busy in getting loads ready for vehicles.	JLB Appendix #3
	18	1830	Trg as per syllabus. Loading of vehs in proceeding. 13 Cds RB from 24 List (Regina Rif) wof 18 May 44 and posted to coys as per Pt 1 Orders #105 d/18 Apr44 L27770 Rfn Weighman G J, Sp Coy suffered a fatal injury at 1830 hrs when the electric fence which he was using short-circuited.	JLB Appendix #3 Appendix #1
	19		Weather--partly cloudy and cool. Trg as per syllabus. 13 ORs SOS to 9 Bn 2 CBRG wof 19 May 44 as per DO# 107 d/19 May 44. Loading of Vahs is continuing	JLB Appendix #1
	20		Weather--bright and warm. Trg as per syllabus.	JLB Appendix #1
	21		Weather--cloudy and cold Church parades held as per DO #108 d/20 May 44	JLB Appendix #1

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MELTINSBURY CAMP C7	May 22		CO, 2 IC, Adj, IO and Coy Comds attend a briefing conference at briefing centre, HQ 3 Cdn Inf Bde during day.	JLB Appendix #3
		1800 1400	Trg as per syllabus. Unit D of Cdn Army Show put on two performances in camp at 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs. The funeral of Wfn O J Weightman was held at Brookwood Cemetery at 1400 hrs.	
	23		Weather--cool and cloudy Trg as per syllabus. Service chevrons issued to all those personnel who were entitled to them.	JLB Appendix #3
	24		Weather--warm and bright. Trg as per syllabus. Coy engaged in sorting and packing stores.	JLB Appendix #3
	25		Weather--partly cloudy with strong wind. Still remains dry. Trg as per syllabus.	Appendix #3 JLB
	26	0900	Brig H W Foster, Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde, briefed Bde group on Exercise "Overlord"	Appendix #3 JLB
	27		Trg as per syllabus. Weather--cool and cloudy. Lt Col F H Matheson ED, briefed Coy Comds, Pl Comds and Sp arms with Regus maps and models at Briefing Centre HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde. During remainder of day Coy Comds and Pl Comds were engaged in planning.	JLB Appendix #3
			Trg as per syllabus. Weather--hot and sultry. Coy Comds and Pl Comds planning for Exercise "Overlord" at Briefing Centre HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Model rooms are being used 24 hrs per day by the Bde Sp.	JLB

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HILTINGBURY CANPC 7	May 28		1st Bn The REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT. Weather--remains hot and dry Church parades held as per DO#113 Dated 27 May 44. Briefing down to pl Level as per syllabus.	JLB Appendix #1 Appendix #10
	29		Weather Very hot and dry Trg as per syllabus. Briefing as per syllabus	JLB Appendix #3 Appendix #10
	30		Weather--hot and dry Briefing as per syllabus. Serials move under orders of Movement Control and vehs are loaded in preparation for move.	JLB Appendix #10
	31		Serials under Movement Control	JLB